## CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL COAST REGION

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### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING, JULY 12, 2013

# DRAFT RESOLUTION APPROVING POST-CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE CENTRAL COAST REGION

The Central Coast Water Board is considering adoption of Draft Resolution No. R3-2013-0032 approving Post Construction Stormwater Management Requirements for Development Projects in the Central Coast Region to comply with the State-wide NPDES General Permit for the Discharge of Storm Water from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, Order No. 2013-XXXX-DWQ¹ (Phase II Municipal General Permit).

The Central Coast Water Board is accepting written comments on the Draft Resolution until **5:00 p.m.** on May 10, 2013. Comment letters may be submitted via email to: <a href="mailto:r3">r3</a> stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov</a> (10 megabytes, or less, in size); or by fax at 805-543-0397. Comments may also be hand delivered or mailed to the above address. Please indicate in the subject line "Post-Construction Requirements Comments."

#### **Background**

Section 402(p) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for stormwater discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s). MS4s in the Central Coast are enrolled under the State-wide NPDES General Permit for the Discharge of Storm Water from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, Order No. 2013-XXXX-DWQ (Phase II Municipal General Permit).

The Phase II Municipal General Permit requires regulated small MS4s to address stormwater runoff from development and redevelopment projects through post-construction stormwater management requirements. Per section E.12.k of the Phase II Municipal General Permit, Traditional MS4s in the California Regional Water Quality Board Central Coast (Central Coast Water Board) Region must comply with post-construction stormwater management requirements based on a watershed-process approach developed by the Central Coast Water Board.

The Central Coast Water Board approved Post-Construction Stormwater Management Requirements for Development Projects in the Central Coast (Post-Construction Requirements) on September 6, 2012 through adoption of Resolution R3-2012-0025. Resolution R3-2012-0025 made findings that Central Coast municipalities must implement the Post-Construction Requirements to comply with the then existing Phase II Municipal General Permit, Order No. 2003-0005-DWQ. At the time of adoption of Resolution R3-2012-0025 by the Central Coast Water Board, State Water Board staff was preparing to reissue the Phase II Municipal General Permit. The State Water Board reissued the permit on February 5, 2013.

#### **Draft Resolution**

The Central Coast Water Board's Resolution R3-2012-0025 that approved the Post-Construction Requirements references the former Phase II Municipal General Permit, Order No. 2003-0005-DWQ,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> At the time of preparation of this Public Notice, the State Water Resources Control Board had not assigned a final Order Number for the Phase II General Municipal Stormwater Permit, adopted February 5, 2013.

that existed at the time the resolution was adopted. The Post-Construction Requirements must be reapproved by the Central Coast Water Board to properly reference the current Phase II Municipal General Permit, Order No. 2013-XXXX-DWQ and to allow for their implementation under the reissued permit. Draft Resolution No. R3-2013-0032 accomplishes the re-approval necessitated by reissuance of the Phase II Municipal General Permit. It also revises the Post-Construction Requirements to remove an obstacle to implementation identified by stakeholders and Central Coast Water Board staff: overly conservative sizing requirements for achieving on-site runoff retention. Draft Resolution R3-2013-0032 is therefore a modified version of the original Resolution approving post-construction requirements. The full extent of changes is indicated in underline and strikeout text (tracked changes) in the following documents available at the Central Coast Water Board's website at: <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/</a> Click on "Joint Effort: Implementing LID & Hydromodification Controls" in the list of Announcements.

- Description of Proposed Changes to Post-Construction Requirements
- Draft Resolution R3-2013-0032 tracked changes version showing changes from the previously adopted Resolution that approved the Post-Construction Requirements. Changes create consistency with the re-issued Phase II Municipal General Permit and include, for example: identification of newly designated Traditional MS4s, reference to Guidance Document in place of SWMPs, and an updated description of stakeholder involvement since adoption of the previous resolution approving the Post-Construction Requirements.
  - Attachment 1: Post-Construction Requirements tracked changes version showing the following changes:
    - Revisions throughout Attachment D: Hydrologic Analysis and Stormwater Control Measure Sizing Guidance (pp. 30-34).
    - Changes to Sections B.4.d.v and B.4.d.vi. for consistency with revisions in Attachment D (pp. 10-11).
    - Changes to Section B.4.e for clarification of off-site mitigation requirements (p. 11)
    - Changes to the first paragraph of Attachment E for consistency with changes to Section B.4.e. and to correct an error (p. 35).
    - Limited non-substantive revisions for purposes of clarifying the Post-Construction Requirements.
  - Attachment 2: Technical Support Document tracked changes version showing new information to support revisions to Post-Construction Requirements. Supporting information for the above described changes to Attachment D of the Post-Construction Requirements is found on pages 24 and 25, and in Attachment G.
- Draft Resolution R3-2013-32, changes accepted version
  - > Attachment 1: Post-Construction Requirements, changes accepted version
  - Attachment 2: Technical Support Document, changes accepted version

#### **Public Comment Opportunity**

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The Central Coast Water Board plans to consider adoption of the Draft Order at a Public Hearing on July 12, 2013. The hearing will be held in Watsonville at the City Council chambers, 275 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Watsonville, California.

To receive future public notices regarding the Post-Construction Requirements, an interested party must sign up for the "Municipal Storm Water" Lyris e-mail list at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\_subscriptions/reg3\_subscribe.shtml

An interested party that does not have access to e-mail must contact the staff member listed below to request paper copies of future notices.

For questions on this notice or to request a hard copy of the Draft Resolution, you may contact Dominic Roques at 805-542-4780 or (<a href="mailto:droques@waterboards.ca.gov">droques@waterboards.ca.gov</a>).